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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WAGNER ET AL.

Examiner

Mary (Molly) E. Ceperley

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on September 08, 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,9,10,12,24,26,29,31 and 78 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,9,10,12,24,26,29,31 and 78 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**1)** Although specific claims are cited in the rejections below, these rejections are also applicable to all other claims in which the noted problems/language occur.

**2)** The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

**3)** Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 24, 26, 29, 31, and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention (i.e. as containing new matter).

There is no written description in the specification to support the following change made to the claims: in claim 1, Y defined as "a photoactivatable covalent...said protein tag". Page 2, lines 18-20 of the specification describe Y as "adapted to link the heterofunctional crosslinker covalently at or adjacent the specific region or regions (?) of the protein" and not the "protein tag". See also, page 4, lines 13-14; page 21, lines 14-15. This rejection is also applicable to the definition of Y' (see claim 26).

**4)** Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, and 78 are again rejected under judicially created doctrine as being drawn to an improper Markush group for the reasons stated in paragraph **2)** of the June 04, 2003 Office action. The compounds of claim 1 do not share a substantial structural feature disclosed as being essential to the disclosed utility. The sole moiety that the compounds of claim 1 have in common is the structure -NH-CH-CO-, a glycine residue. The specification does not disclose this structure as being essential to the disclosed utility. Indeed, according to the description of the invention

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as forth in the specification, the glycine residue *per se* is not an appropriate "core component". See page 23, lines 16-21 of the specification:

"Preferably, the core component is a residue of a moiety having at least three reactive groups which can be carboxyl, amino, hydroxyl, thiol, or the like. In one group of embodiments, the cores component is the residue of an amino acid having a reactive functional group in the side chain (e.g. lysine, serine, aspartic acid, glutamic acid, cysteine and the like)."

Contrary to applicants' assertion at page 8 of the September 08, 2003 Remarks, the specification at page 23, line 12, to page 24, line 5 does not support glycine as an essential core component. See also, original claim 3.

The claims have been examined on the merits to the extent that they encompass the elected invention as defined by structure IA (March 12, 2003 response) wherein L<sup>1</sup> is dicarbonylethyl, L<sup>2</sup> is 1,10-diaminodecane, and L<sup>3</sup> is methanethiolyl.

**5)** The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

**6)** Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. There is no written description in specification to support the term W defined as a glycine residue. See paragraph **4)** above.

**7)** The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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**8)** Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 12, 24, 26, 27, 29, 31, and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The method of use limitations recited in the instant product claims render the claims indefinite and confusing. It is unclear how the "photoactivatable covalent crosslinking group" Y is "adapted to covalently link the hetero functional crosslinking reagent at or adjacent to said protein tag (sic)", i.e. the structure of Y cannot be determined. What is the structure of Y after it has been "adapted"? Similarly, it is unclear how Z, a "crosslinking group", is used to "covalently link" (not crosslink?) the reagent to a label or support.

**9)** Applicants' amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

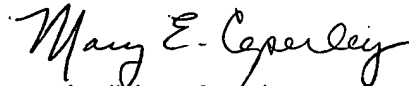
**10)** Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mary (Molly) E. Ceperley whose telephone number is (703) 308-4239. The examiner can normally be reached from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le, can be reached on (703) 305-3399. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-4556 or (703) 305-3592.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

November 10, 2003



Mary (Molly) E. Ceperley

Primary Examiner

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